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SUBJ: ISRAELI REQUEST FOR INCLUSION IN UNESCO EUROPEAN REGION

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL, ON SEPT 24
EMBOFF CALLED ON CONSUL ERNESTO G. GARRIDO, ACTING CHIEF,
OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND UNITED NATIONS
AFFAIRS. BOTH AMBASSADOR VERCELES AND HIS DEPUTY, MINISTER
BAHA ARE IN NEW YORK. GARRIDO ACCEPTED TALKING PAPER BASED
ON REFTEL AND INDICATED HE WOULD BRING MATTER TO ATTENTION
OF ACTING SECRETARY COLLANTES. HE THEN ASKED FOR AIDEMEMOIRE FORMALIZING TALKING PAPER WHICH EMBASSY HAS PROVIDED.

2. GARRIDO, WHO WILL LEAVE FOR NEW YORK SEPTE 26, TO PARTICIPATE IN 5TH COMMITTEE OF UNGA, WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH QUESTION OF ISRAELI INCLUSION IN EUROPEAN REGION OF UNESCO. EMBOFF REVIEWED HISTORY OF ISRAEL'S TREATMENT AT 18TH GC AND EMPHASIZED NECESSITY OF ENSURING ISRAELI MEMBERSHIP IN EUROPEAN REGION AS FIRST STEP TOWARD CONFIDENTIAL

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REESTABLISHING U.S. CONGRESS' FAITH IN UNESCO. SPEAKING

PERSONALLY, GARRIDO SAID HE HOPED GOP COULD SUPPORT ISRAELI MEMBERSHIP AND THAT HE WOULD RECOMMEND THIS COURSE OF ACTION TO ACTING SECRETARY COLLANTES.

BEGIN FYI -- CHAIRMAN FOR GOP DELEGATION AT UNESCO GC WILL PROBABLY BE SECRETARY OF SOCIAL WELFARE, ESTAFANIA ALDABA LIM. END FYI.

- 3. BEFORE MAKING APPROACH TO DFA, EMBOFF CONSULTED WITH ISRAELI CHARGE' BEN-ZEEV WHO SAID HE HAD MADE PITCH FOR GOP SUPPORT TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY VERCELES ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO. VERCELES DID NOT SEEM INFORMED ON MATTER AT THAT TIME BUT HAD PROMISED THAT DFA WOULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER ISRAELI REQUEST.
- 4. DURING CALL ON GARRIDO, EMBOFF THANKED GOP FOR SUPPORT ON KOREAN QUESTION (STATE 234389) AND REQUESTED THAT HE INFORM VERCELES IN NEW YORK OF OUR APPRECIATION. EMBOFF EXPRESSED HOPE GOP WOULD BE EQUALLY HELPFUL ON ISRAELI QUESTION IN UNESCO. SULLIVAN

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